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PROCLAMATION

JUN 20 1973

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 16, 1973

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of H. B. 550 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

H. B. 550 attempts to amend the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways by providing that no police officer commissioned by any incorporated city or town with a population of less than 5,000 may use a radar device or other electronic device to measure speed to arrest a person for a speeding violation committed on an interstate highway.

The general law on this subject is included in the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic substantially as it has been for many years giving any peace officer authority to arrest without warrant any person found committing a violation of the law. With the mounting traffic accidents on our highways we obviously need all the help we can get in enforcing our laws. Furthermore there are Texas cases holding that it is unconstitutional and beyond the authority of the legislature to make such rules for local law enforcing officers.

H. B. 550 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the Sixty-third Legislature, and in accordance with Constitution of the State of Texas, this bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereunto signed my name
officially and caused the seal of
the State to be affixed hereto at
Austin, this 16th day of June, 1973.

Secretary of State


Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas